CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1.   A method for administration of security policies in a computer system,

2 comprising the steps of:

3   (a)   displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;

4   (b)   displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;

5   (c)   displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and

6   (d)   dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject

7 and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of

8 the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access

9 to the at least one object under the security policy.

1 2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

1 3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one object is data.

1 4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least

2 one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

1 5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a

2 sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping

3   assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the at least

2   one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2   policy comprises at least one window.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2   policy further comprises at least one label.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   (e)   providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at

3   least one object.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   (e)   providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least

3   one object.

1   11.   A computer readable medium with program instructions for administration of

2   security policies in a computer system, comprising the instructions for:

3   (a)   displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;

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4　　(b)　displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;

5　　(c)　displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and

6　　(d)　dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject

7　and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of

8　the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access

9　to the at least one object under the security policy.

1　　12.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

1　　13.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one object is data.

1　　14.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at

2　least one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

1　　15.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a

2　sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping

3　assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1　　16.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the at least

2　one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1　　17.　The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2   policy comprises at least one window.

1   18.   The medium of claim 17, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2   policy further comprises at least one label.

1   19.   The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:

2   (e)   providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at

3   least one object.

1   20.   The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:

2   (e)   providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least

3   one object.

1   21.   A system, comprising:

2   a graphical representation of at least one subject;

3   a graphical representation of at least one object; and

4   a graphical representation of a security policy, wherein the graphical representation

5   of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object may be

6   dragged and dropped into the graphical representation of the security policy, wherein the

7   dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under

8   the security policy.

1   22. The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

1   23. The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one object is data.

1   24. The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least

2 one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

1   25. The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a

2 sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping

3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1   26. The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the at least

2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1   27. The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2 policy comprises at least one window.

1   28. The system of claim 27, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1   29. The system of claim 21, further comprising a tool for viewing attributes of

2 the at least one subject or the at least one object.

1   30.   The system of claim 21, further comprising a tool for creating or deleting the

2   least one subject or the at least one object.